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ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE 6 (PUBLIC HEALTH), CHAPTER 8
(MISCELLANEOUS), SO AS TO ADD SECTION 6:644
(BALLOON RELEASE PROHIBITED).

BE IT ORDAINED by the Metropolitan Council of the Parish of East
Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge that:

Section 1. Title 6 (Public Health), Chapter 8 (Miscellaneous) of
the Code of Ordinances of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East
Baton Rouge is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 6:644. - Balloon Release Prohibited.

- (a) No person or entity shall intentionally release, intentionally
organize the release of, or otherwise intentionally cause the
simultaneous release of ten (10) or more balloons inflated with a
gas that is lighter than air, except for:
 - (1) A balloon released for scientific or meteorological purposes,
on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental
contract;
 - (2) A hot air balloon that is recovered after launching; or
 - (3) A balloon that is released and remains indoors.
- (b) Any person or entity who violates this section shall be subject to a
fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense and up to
two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a second or subsequent
offense.
- (c) The director of environmental services shall administer, implement,
and enforce the provisions of this part pursuant to the process set
forth in section 1:609 of the Code of Ordinances. The director may
delegate powers and duties imposed or granted under this part to
other city-parish personnel."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days following
adoption by the Metropolitan Council.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to
be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence,
paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this ordinance, or the
invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall
not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the
validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are
hereby repealed.